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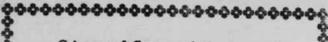
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By EDGAR WHITE

Cecile-It isn't the hard, never-ending work from dawn till the come out—I could stand that, because I'm well and strong—but a woman likes to be treated with some consideration, especially when she's a wife He's not exactly ill-natured—not harsh-spoken—but it's his stolidly in different manner that cuts to the quick. And I'll not stand it! I don't have to! I never agreed to any such conditions. He knew that I was not raised on a farm, and that such drudgery as falls to a farmer's wife, especially during harvest, would be an unbearable load to me. The hands he admired so much are already become admired so much are already becoming hard and wrinkled and my face
looks like—well, nothing like the one
I used to see in the glass. The little
girl he hired is not much of a help,
though she does the best she can.
But that is not why I am leaving him
—not on account of the toil. He never -not on account of the toil. He never comes to me at the close of a hard day's work and says an encouraging word. He has never asked me if I'm weary, nor has he shown the thought for my feelings. It's just up with the dawn and work and work for a taskmaster who takes it all as a matter of course, or frowns because did not do more. When I leave I'll pin a note at his plate telling him he should have bought a slave instead of marrying a wife. And yet—I lov him! Oh, my God! How I love him!

Paul-Gone! Left home! I half suspected something was wrong these past few weeks; she has acted so curiously cold that I feared to approach her. And then I've been troubled lest the rains would catch the grain unhoused that I've overthe grain unhoused that I've over-worked my men, and her, too, I fear. Poor girl! She was hardly fitted for a rmer's wife; but if she could have ood it through this season we would then have had money, and it would have been lighter on her. It nearly killed me to see her tolling in the kitchen for that army of hungry men, but it took every cent I had in the world to pay them, and the best I could do was to hire the little Swede girl to help her. At night when her work was done I longed to go to her room and throw my arms around her and tell her how grateful I was for her sacrifice, but when I looked into her eyes they seemed so blue-and cold and spoke so eloquently of disgust at Perhaps after all it is Her father is well off, and with him she will have her music and flowers and books and young friends—things which seemed to be dealed her in the everlasting grind at "The Maples" here. God bless the girl, and may no harm beset her path!

Mephisto (rubbing his hands)— Here's where I come in. "What fools these mortals be!" Shakespeare stole that from me, and is getting all the glory for the theft; but what mat-ters? This is a world of deceit and appeals to my love for the romantic Here's a couple of young people who are wildly in love with each other and the idiots don't know it. Now, it shall be my pleasant task to hunt up a good, nice, smooth gentleman—from my point of view—and induct him into the finer passages necessary to make the play one of the proper human interest. Let's see. Where will I find such a vil—I mean such a courtier, if you please. I want a man gifted with all the graces of the—er—the devil, and withal he must have the appear-ance of a Sunday school teacher on his way to meeting. Ah! I have him! Ready made to order! Iscariot by name. Quite a ladies' man, if I re-member correctly. A tall fellow, de-void of that old womanish attribute called conscience. I think he had a liking for her once, and has yet if I mistake not. For she's wondrous fair, and Issariot was ever an enjoure. Ye and Iscariot was ever an epicure. Ye gods of gehenna! Whoever though fine game would drop into net? But you can never Iscariot has done some good work for my dominion, and doubtless would be overly glad to tackle a job of this kind, especially as there seems to be no prospect of danger. I'll have to make that clear to him, or he won't go in-he's a dreadful coward. I'll endow him with such gifts of speech and manner which, added to the store he has, will cause the lady to flutter in his hand like a captive bird, finally to quiet down in gentle slumber and there rest content. What a pretty play! The cast is ready; I must up and away!

The Fairy-A messenger from the king! Paul (coming out)—Well, what's wanted!

Paul-Who's there?

The Fairy—Saddle your horse and arm yourself! There's work up on the Green Forrest road. Paul-Work?

The Fairy—Aye! Quick, hot work. Ceclle is in mortal perfi! Paul—Ceclle has left me. The Fairy-Are you a man or

Paul-You are right, little one. You say she's up the Green Forrest road? How far? The Fairy-A league this side the

water mill inn. Talk no more, but fly! Fly! Fly on the wings of the wind! Paul (out in the yard)—Ya-hoo, ere, George! Saddle Nero and Vamthere, George! Sadelle Nero and Vam-pire! Step lively, now! I'll get the guns.

ON THE GREEN FORREST ROAD. Cecile-I am cold. I believe a storm is coming on.

Iscariot-What's the odds? We'll d shelter somewhere. Cecile—How your voice has changed! What has come over you?

Iscarlot—I'm master now. I'm

rough coaxing. Cecile-What do you mean? Iscariot-What I say. You're all

Cecile-But I didn't-didn't think you'd harm me! Iscarlot—And I won't if you mind. Gods! What awful lightning. We must

tie up and seek safety in the woods. Here's an old cabin. Cecile-No! No! No! Let us go on! We'll soon come to a farm house.

Iscarlot—I say we'll stop here! Cecile—Kind heaven help me! The an's mad! Let us drive on, won't you please?

Iscarlot-Jump out! The storm is almost here. Cecile—Don't touch breath is like fire! Help! Help!

Iscariot—I'll stop that noise, my eauty. Just as easy—A-h-! Paul—You villain!

Cecile-Paul! Thank God! Paul-George, lead my horse up to be inn. I'll get in the carriage and drive the lady there till the storm is Throw that carcass across the

IN THE MORNING.

Cecile—How stern he looks! Not ne word has he spoken to me, save out of absolute necessity. He'll take me to father and tell him all. But God knows I've not been unfaithful to him. I did not want to go driving with that man, but when he met me at the woodland picnic and said "Come" I had no power of resistance Yet I know my husband thinks I erred as some women do, and will wear the scarlet letter all my days. Oh, why didn't that bolt of lightning kill me? What shame to carry through life? As I walk through the village streets the children will point me out and say: "There goes the woman whose husband sent her back to her father because she was not a good wife!" And I thought work on the farm was slavery! What happiness in glory for the theft; but what matters. This is a world of deceit and hyporrisy. I sometimes feel like gloomly at it. One finger of it points shedding a few tears—the crocodile that way to Stonyelff, where father kind, you know. I've a case now that the comparison? All There's the comparison? All There's the boat churn its way slowly up the Hudson, or to watch the first locomotive to be plowed by each contestant, the time being noted at the start and a limited time allowed for finishing the kind, you know. I've a case now that ing to "The Maples." Hallowed words! What shall it be? 'Tis the difference betwixt honor and disgrace. Just heaven! Be with me now and make me strong! There seems to be some-thing standing on the board—a little form like that of a brownle, clad in

The Driver (turning his head)-Which way, sir?
Paul—To the right; we're going to "The Maples!" Cecile-My husband!

Mephisto-The devil!

Night and Day.
"Night falls, but it doesn't break," observed the Simple Mug.

"What of it?" queried the Wise Guy.

"Oh, nothing," chuckied the Simple Mug. "except that day breaks, but it doesn't fall."—Philadelphia Record.

Some men are kept so busy maintaining their dignity that they haven't time to earn a decent living.

Lucky For the Ancestors "It's a great thing to have a fine line

of ancestors."
"Doubtless it is, and it's a mighty good thing, too, that some of these fine lines of ancèstors couldn't look into the future and see their descendants."— Chicago Post.

THE MAPLES.

A bopeless man is deserted by himself, and he who desert himself is soon deserted by his triends.

GAVE THEM THE REST CURE. Method of Minstrel Leader That Was

The throat of the minstrel singer is as delicately sensitive as those of grand opera artists. But George Prim-rose has a romedy of his own that works astonishing cures.

works astonishing cures.

"It's no use, George," a silvervoiced balladist will huskily whisper
half an hour before the curtain goes
up, "my throat's as raw as a Blue Point on the half shell. I won't be able to sing a note to-night."
"Well, that's too bad," replies Mr.

Primrose, his honest face aglow with

sympathy; "magnificent organ like yours is not to be trifled with. What you need is a complete rest."
"I guess I'll be all right for the quartette, if you'll stand for me cutting out the solo," protests the singer suspiciously, and a trifle more distinctly.

"Not for worlds, 'dear boy,'" answers Mr. Primrose, decisively. "I don't care if the entire audience demands its money back. I should feel like a criminal if I caused permanent injury to such a voice. Take an absolute rest—one week, two weeks if necessary. When you are right again l'il put you back on the salary

Then the balladist hurries around to black up and sings so delightfully that he has to take four encores. A skiled specialist who makes the sufferer say "Ah-a-a-a" and charges

him \$20, is not in it for a minute with old Dr. Primrose and his magic throat

WERE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. Why Parents Could Not Be Satisfied with Ordinary Name.

It is a glorious possibility that any American boy may some day become president, but, according to a story told by Senator Bailey, it sometimes causes fond parents some One of his constituents was the proud father of a promising youngster, and on several occasions sought the sen-ator's advice as to a Christian name. each time expressing himself delighted with the one suggested. One of the exan's greatest charms is his kindly interest in the personal affairs of hum-ble friends, and it was quite like him, upon seeing the father in question some months later, to inquire if his son and beir had finally received

son and her and many satisfactory pseudonym.
"Well, no, senator," the man replied "We haven't been able to de-

cide on one just yet."
"What's the trouble, anyway?" Mr.
Balley asked, with considerable secret amusement. "There are a good many to choose from."

hit on a particularly good name for him, one that is pretty and has a dis-tinguished sound, and which is not common, as there will be so many babies named after him when he is president."—World's Events Maga-

A strange story of a psychic pheno-enon comes from Garhamstown. menon comes from Garhamstown, Cape Colony. Thomas Kerr, who was charged with the murder of Ellen Pinnock, a ten-year-old girl, was recently discharged, the jury having disagreed. The girl disappeared while on her way home with purchases from a Garhamstown grocer named South, South, who practices hypnotism, placed a young man of his acquaintance named Staman of his acquaintance named Sta-ples in a trance state, and asked him if he could trace the whereabouts of the missing cirl. Staples thereup. if he could trace the whereabouts of the missing girl. Staples thereupon declared that she had been murdered and lay buried under the floor of a house which he would indicate. He house which he would indicate. He was roused from his trance and, accompanied by a detective and five other men, went to the house in which Kerr lived, and found the body of the Kerr lived, and found the body of the

GREAT FEATURE OF TO-DAY. Wireless Telegraphy Magic of Ro-mance of the World.

festation was a matter of ocular excitement. The fingers of the cotton gin took the place of human fingers. At the coming of ether an amputation was transformed from a scene of torture to a placid process in mechanics Crowds gathered to see Fulton's devil against the sky; the strand of cable might be seen as it began its plunge beneath the Atlantic. Yet it has remained for the matter-of-fact utilization of wireless telegraphy to bring us, in science, the height of romance. To-day a merchant wishes to telegraph the whitest of robes. Of course there is nothing there, only an illusion caused by my tears—
Mephisto (in the shadows)—This way, driver! To the left. ay, driver! To the left.

The Falry—No, driver; turn this There is here as much magic of romance as the world has ever seen.—

Sign of Cold Winter. One of the rarest birds in New England is here prophesying a cold, hard winter. It is the red poll, a member

of the big junco family of birds. Only in the most severe weather does the red-headed bird venture from the frozen lands of the north, and, when he does it always means a cold, severe winter. There are several flocks of the birds in the Felis, and bird lovers, glad to get a chance to watch their habits, are closely observing them.—Boston Record.

tesque-looking stump fences, the last

One of the serious propositions for the people of Canada to solve is the fuel supply of the future. Not a pound of coal of any kind has ever been discovered in the province of Ontario, the older part of the province the ber is practically exhausted. The

WOULD SHOW BABY THE BILL. Brother Had Great Scheme to Quiet

Crying Infant. The two-year-old baby in an East End family was showing its keen dis pleasure at dinner the other evening run out, unexpectedly, and the baby wanted still another drink of milk

The fond and dotting parents tried to pacify it with a drink of water, but that didn't go. It wanted some more milk. That was what it wanted. And the child expressed itself in a way that left no doubt about its attitude in the pressure.

There was a guest present and the dinner party seemed not unlikely to end up in a riot. It was that already if noise counts for anything. Then the baby's older brother got a

happy inspiration, for the little one was making itself heard with an abandon that was getting on brother's nerves as well as those of the others

"I'll tell you what you do, pop," h suggested, "just give him that mil suggested, "just give him that milk bill you got the other day. You know you were kicking about milk going up in price, and mabbe when he sees the bill he'll quit hollerin' for more."—
Cleveland Plaindealer.

MADE HIS LISTENERS SMILE. Remarks of Reverend Gentleman Altogether Too Apropos.

Of all places, the most difficult in which to preserve one's gravity, when an absurd incident happens, is church. The worshipers in a certain chapel had some trouble to keep their faces straight a short time ago.

During the service some commotion was caused by a gentleman who acci-dnetally ignited a box of wax matches in his pocket, and was trying to put them out, while his alarmed neighbors

struggled equally hard to help him.

The minister, being short-sighted, could not make out the reason of the disturbance, and thinking to diplo-matically cover the incident he inno-

Some of the congregation were unable to sing.

Plague and Fleas.

The part played by fleas in the spread of plague is dealt with in an able manner by "J. W. W. S." in "Nature." A Latin writer, Avicenna, is quoted to show that about the year 1600 it was known that there was some ture. definite connection between rats and choose from."
"Yes, that's true," the father said, mpling his hair; "but we wanted to to a particularly good name for ton a particularly good name for number of dead rats are found. And these are found to contain the plague bacilli in abundance. majority of cases the plague was con-

Peculiar "Cure Stones.

Occupying an isolated position on the moors about five or six miles above Penzance, in Cornwall, England, a peculiar trio of stones is to be the center stone will be fore ever immune from rheumatism and ailied complaints. In times gone by the country people used to bring their children to the "Holed stone" and pass them through.

AS SUBSTITUTE FOR FOOTBALL. Writer Suggests That Plowing Matches Would Be Advisable.

A plowing match will help to interest boys in farming, and perhaps be quite as profitable in the end as a football match. A plowing match is managed by measuring off conal tracts

or the began at Walince's old themeter at Thirteenth street, giving scenes of opera, and the concerts there averaged over \$7,000 a performance, but he lost in the out of town concerts \$20,000. the evenness of the furrows both as to depth and width, and the amo after which suitable prizes are awarded. Stock judging contests, butter making contests and butter scoring contests will all add interest and a de

sire to excel on the part of the pupil. If a boy is of a mechanical turn, give him an introduction to farm me-chanics. Experiments showing the influence of grade on the draft of a farm wagon may be made with a simple ap-paratus the boy could construct himself. It can also be easily shown how draft is influenced by the width of tire as well as by the size of the wagon wheel, also the direction of line of draft and its influence on the draft of the wagon. Let a boy with a me-chanical head make an apparatus for demonstrating the principles of eveners, or let him make a working model

Thus in various ways it is possible to show the boy who thinks he knows it all that he still has something to learn, and to show the plodding boy that there is much beside drudgery on the farm if he will but open his eyes.

SOME OF HIS OWN MEDICINE. irate Citizen Found He Had to Deal with Worthy Adversary.

"How did you happen that?" he was asked.

"If you will repeat any line from the Essay," said the senator, "I can give

remains of the once gigantic pine for-ests, are now being replaced with wire fonces and the stumps converted into

in the direction of a youngster of me 12 years. "It is outrageous that a should allow him to be so mean and contemptible. I don't suppose

you ever whipped him in your life!"
"I certainly never did," replied the
master of the house meekly; "I do not

believe in corporal punishment. "Well, I do, and I'm going to tan that young scoundrel's hide. If he had a licking a week he wouldn't be so great a nuisance to your neighbors. I'm a patient man, but he's too much me. I wish you would understand at I'm going to thrash him!" "My friend, I cannot help what you

The law apparently is in your s. If you insist upon it, go ahead

cing when a strange man appeared on the scene with fire in his eye. He "lit er could escape be appealed to the master of the house, saying in gas "Didn't you — say-1-could-lilick that boy of yours? Who was that fel-low who attacked me?"

Oh, I have no boy. That was the boy's father."

Plant Like a Camel. The nearest thing to a camel among plants is a curious specimen of the cucumber family which bears the name of the Berrillea sonorae. This plant like the camel is a native of the plant like the camel is a native of the Floors of Dwelling.

longer than the animal.

As the rainy season in the desert comes only once a year nature provides the I. S. with a reservoir to store up enough moisture to last it between times. The organ in which the water is stored is located at the base of the stem. It is covered with a sort of . mackintosh envelope, through which the water can neither

This water holder rests on the sand throughout the entire period of drought, but when the rain comes it

Earliest Known Trousers

The head of the ancient Rabylonian was carefully protected from the sun cently said:
"Brethren, there is a little noise going on. Until it is over, let us sing.
"Sometimes a Light Surprises."

by various wrappings: it was sufficient for the rest of the body to wearing on a thin woolen or linen garment bound at the hips with a girdle or shawl. over which sometimes another gar-ment was picturesquely draped. In Babylonia, and Assyria also, head and foot coverings were subject to fashion, but the long, close-fitting garment fortunately never went out of style. Trousers—the unaesthetical invention of the Medes—are first found on the Parthian stele of about the first es tury, B. C., which was excavated

French Married Life,

The high average of reasonably happy marriages in France, where marriage is mostly a family arrange ment, is not so inexplicable as we might think. One thing, we suppose, the foreigner will never be able to exwhich he tried with fleas from rats dead of the plague showed how this is possible. Other experimenters have been led to doubt Simond's generalization.

The oreinner will never be able to experiments which he tried with fleas from rats dead of the plague showed how this is possible. Other experimenters have been led to doubt Simond's generalization. wield the experience of all the ages. The adaptability of French women is beyond praise, as it is beyond expla-

"What do you suppose makes the girls go so wild over the football players in preference to other young

"I suppose it's a woman's passion

Patti Made His Reputation.

Adelina Patti was not always such a "gold mine" to managers as some may suppose, says Leslie's Weekly. When she visited New York in 1880, her man-ager, Signor Lugo, overreached bimself by starting out on a ten dollar admis-sion basis, and the venture was a financial failure, notwithstanding Patti's great artistic success. She sang to a fourteen hundred dollar house on the first night and on the second to \$400. She got discouraged, as it was her own

venture, and gave it up.

The late Henry E. Abbey, who was bold in his speculations, then engaged her and her company at \$5,000 per concert. He began at Wallack's old thea-

made a reputation."

A whole closet in one hanger is the ingenious device of a Wellesley girl. She planned it to carry in her trunk visiting a flat dweller during blidays. It is made of a round while the holidays. It is made of a round piece of wood a half or three-quarters of an inch in thickness and eight inches in diameter. To one side of the wood small brass hooks are attached, on which the waists and skirts are to be hung On the other side one large hook is screwed in the center, to be used for fastening on closet nails or door knobs. Around the outer edge of the board muslin (an old sheet will do) is tacked in big plaits so as to cover all the skirts and waists. The bottom of the muslin is finished with a drawstring so that it may be pulled tight to keep out the dust.

Senator Knox on Memory Training Senator Philander Case Knox was driving a friend from the railroad station to his farm at Valley Forge when an incident occurred which called to mind a certain passage from Pope's "Essay on Man." The visitor quoted the lines, and Senator Knoz, m the surprise of his guest, took it up and gave the lines following.

An irate citizen dashed up the stoop, nearly pulled the old-fashioned bell out of the socket, storned till the master of the house appeared, and thus saluted him: "Sir, I'm going to thrash that boy," shaking his finger

CAUSE OF NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

Profession of Dressmaker a Toll That Kills in the End.

These are the reasons, and they only are suggested—that thousands of our dressmakers are ill every year with nervous prostration; that as many more go to the wail and give up work; that none of them ever make a competence, although their work

should assure it. "It is the general outline of the res-sons that I, Anne Bannerman Sedge-wick Hitt, at 38, am at the end of my string and have reached a parting of the ways in which I know not how to turn, or what to do next. That I, a fine looking woman, as you see, with a speaking voice that once would have gotten me a place upon the stage, and with a hundred letters telling of my worth and skill, can think of nothing better to do next than to try to get a job of demonstrating until I can get away from the octopus of the composite woman who wants clothes made And yet I love my work, and don't know how I shall do without the long evenings, as well as days of thought and toil for which I have given up social life and recreation for 18 years."

that a swarm of bees also considered The swarm hived be tween the first and second floors, di-rectly beneath the beds occupied each night by Prendergast and his family.

The house where Prendergast lived, with a realty sale, passed into possession of John Lambert, Jr., a prominent Philadelphian, with a country place at Abington. In line with projected improvements, Lambert arranged to have the house moved back from the present foundations, preliminary to having it remodeled, the tructure being more than 100 years

Workmen discovered the presence of the bees, and an aplarist employed to remove the swarm found more than 200 pounds of pure honey between the second floor and the celling of the first. It being assumed that Mr. Lam bert took title to the honey with the house, the honey was turned over to

She Did.

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"Auntie, Charles Gass proposed to me last night."

"The impudent fellow! Somebody ought to sit down on him."

Why, auntle, I rather think some ody did."-Baltimore News

Some people seem to think they have prove they have a mind by speaking -i'hiladelphia Bulletin.

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